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## **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The Affidavit filed on 06/28/04 under 37 CFR 1.131 is sufficient to overcome the Mehta reference.

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gerald M. Murphy on 07/21/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Claim 1. (Amended) A method for preparing and screening a plurality of compounds, said method performed in or on a bulk of a stationary phase <u>capable of separating compounds</u>, the method comprises the sequential steps of
- (a) performing a synthesis of compounds by a chemical reaction performed in the bulk of a the stationary phase,
- (b) separating the compounds in or on the same bulk of the stationary phase using a mobile phase; and
  - (c) screening of the separated compounds in or on the same bulk of the stationary phase, wherein said screening involves biological or biochemical methods; wherein the stationary phase is a thin-layer chromatography plate and wherein the stationary phase is suitable for sequential synthesis.

In claim 42, between "wherein the stationary phase is" and "a thin-layer chromatography plate" insert -- a part of --;

in the last sentence: delete [; and wherein the stationary phase is suitable for sequential synthesis].

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Claim 43 (Amended). The method of claim 1 or 42, wherein said the bulk of the stationary phase is a sheet part of a thin-layer chromatography plate.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yelena G. Gakh, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-1257. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill A. Warden can be reached on (571) 272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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